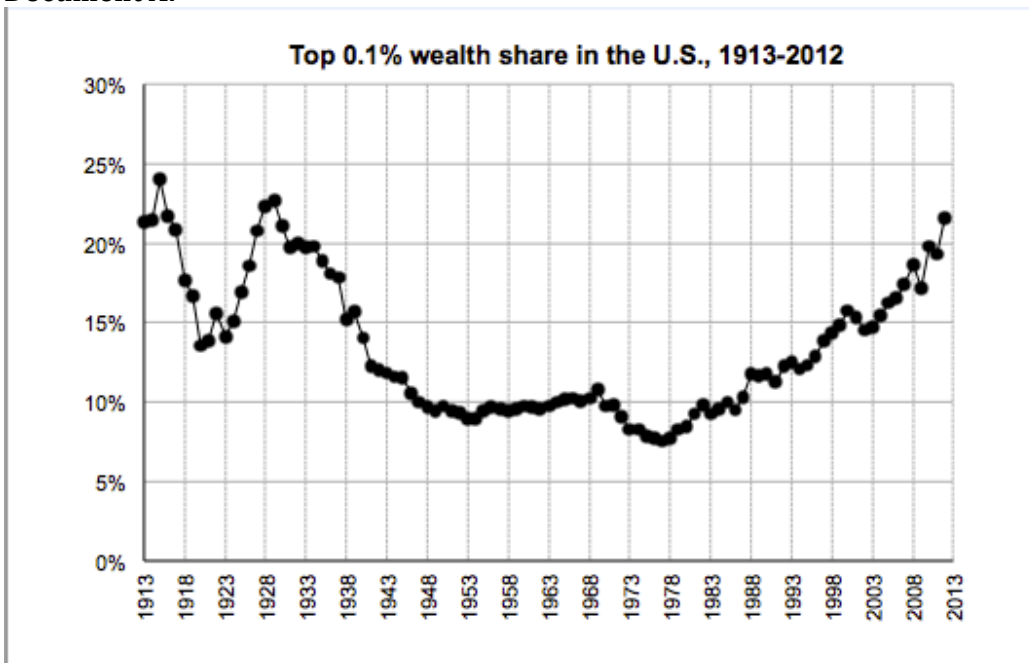


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Study Guide: Great Depression and New Deal

For this assessment, you will answer a Document Based Question (DBQ) about the Great Depression and New Deal. The question will be **“how did the role of government change during the Great Depression, and what criticisms emerged?”** In order to answer the question, you will need to use a selection of documents from the options provided. All of the documents will be ones that we’ve worked with in class, and will be a collection of photographs, letters, and other materials from or about the Great Depression.

Document A:



Document B:



Document C:



Document D:

"We have nothing to fear but fear itself...Our greatest primary task is to put people to work. This is no unsolvable problem if we face it wisely and courageously. It can be accomplished in part by direct recruiting by the Government itself, treating the task as we would treat the emergency of a war, but at the same time, through this employment, accomplishing greatly needed projects to stimulate and reorganize the use of our natural resources.

Hand in hand with this we must frankly recognize the overbalance of population in our industrial centers and, by engaging on a national scale in a redistribution, endeavor to provide a better use of the land for those best fitted for the land. The task can be helped by definite efforts to raise the values of agricultural products and with this the power to purchase the output of our cities. It can be helped by preventing realistically the tragedy of the growing loss through foreclosure of our small homes and our farms. It can be helped by insistence that the Federal, State, and local governments act forthwith on the demand that their cost be drastically reduced. It can be helped by the unifying of relief activities which today are often scattered, uneconomical, and unequal. It can be helped by national planning for and supervision of all forms of transportation and of communications and other utilities which have a definitely public character. There are many ways in which it can be helped, but it can never be helped merely by talking about it. We must act and act quickly."

Document E:

Now in the third year of Franklin Roosevelt's administration, we find more of our people unemployed than at any other time. We find our houses empty and our people hungry, many of them half-clothed and many of them not clothed at all.

Now, my friends, you have heard me read how a great New York newspaper, after investigations, declared that all I have said about the bad distribution of this nation's wealth is true. But we have been about our work to correct this situation. That is why the Share Our Wealth societies are forming in every nook and corner of America. They're meeting tonight. Soon there will be Share Our Wealth societies for everyone to meet. They have a great work to perform.

Document F:

